

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An implant device for an osteochondral defect comprising:

a first plate made of a resorbable biocompatible material;

a second plate made of said resorbable biocompatible material, the second plate including a substantially flat plate surface extending substantially across one side of the second plate, an opposite substantially flat plate surface extending substantially across an opposite side of the second plate, and a plurality of radially extending elongated bores formed in the second plate, each of the radially extending elongated bores including a ledge positioned therein between the substantially flat plate surface and the opposite substantially flat plate surface; and

a load transfer structure made of said resorbable biocompatible material and situated between said first plate and said second plate, said load transfer structure comprising a plurality of radially oriented elongated load transfer supports and at least one hook-shaped prong extending away from each of the elongated load transfer supports, each of the hook shaped prongs including a first portion extending outward from the associated elongated load transfer support and a second portion extending substantially perpendicular to the first portion in the radial direction, the second portion configured to engage the ledge of one of the radially extending bores.

2. (Original) The implant device of claim 1, wherein said resorbable biocompatible material is a polymer.

3. (Original) The implant device of claim 2, wherein said polymer comprises polyester.

4. (Original) The implant device of claim 1, wherein said second plate is porous.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The implant device of claim 1, wherein said load transfer structure is integral with said first plate, and receivable by said second plate.

7. (Original) The implant device of claim 1, further comprising a fixation device extending from said second plate.

8-30. (Cancelled)